(c) and (d) As per the Joint Venture Agreement of 1982 read with the Subscription and Amendment Agreement of 1992, the Government is to nominate the Managing Director, MUL, from 28th August, 1997. A decision will be taken at the appropriate time.

Setting up of Industries in Punjab under New Liberalisation Scheme

528. SHRI MOHINDAR SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of foreign industrial companies permitted to set up industries on a large scale in the country particularly in the State of Punjab as on 30th June, 1997 under the new liberalisation policy?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): A total No. of 11027 foreign direct investment proposals (technical and Financial) including large scale proposals have been approved to set up industries in the country during the Post Policy period i.e. August, 1991 to May, 1997 out of which 114 proposals have been approved for setting up of industries in the State of Punjab.

Recommendations of Ninth Plan Working Group

529. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ninth Plan working group on small scale industries has recommended the dismantling of the reservation policy;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the other recommendations made by the said group; and

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Report of the Disinvestment Commission

530. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Disinvestment Commission has submitted their reports/ recommendations to the Government on disinvestment/autonomy and other related issues concerning PSUs;

(b) if so, details of the report submitted so far alongwith the summary of major recommendations;

(c) the details of action/decision taken on the recommendations made by the Commission; and

(d) the details of the recommendations under consideration of the Government on grant of autonomy to the PSUs for better global performance?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Disinvestment Commission has in its three reports submitted so far to the Government have made specific recommendations on strategies for disinvestment in 15 PSUs. The Commission has also made general recommendations. The gist of the unit-specific recommendations is as per statement. *(See below)*

(c) Steps have since been initiated for the disinvestment in three PSUs based on the recommendations of the Disinvestment Commission.

(d) The Commission has made some general recommendation regarding grant of autonomy to PSUs for, better global performance. However, the Government have already granted substantial autonomy to nine selected PSUs